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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND COLONEL GARBA

JQF : LAGOS 9166, STATE 226711

1. I MET WITH MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA FOR AN HOUR THIS MORNING. HE ACCEPTS SECRETARY'S INVITATION MEET TOGETHER IN NEW YORK AT 11:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1. HE WAS INITIALLY RELUCTANT BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED JET LAG FOLLOWING FLIGHT FROM LONDON THEREFORE, ARRIVING NEW YORK AROUND 4 P.M., SEPTEMBER 30. HE SAID, "WHY DOES THE SECRETARY WANT TO SEE ME AND WHAT WILL WE BE TALKING ABOUT?" AFTER I EXPLAINED THE ISSUES I THOUGHT SECRETARY WOULD WISH TO RAISE, GARBA SAID, "FINE, LET US DO IT ON THE FIRST." HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO MESSAGES FROM THE NIGERIAN UN MISSION OR HIS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. I TOLD GARBA THAT SECRETARY'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH HIM REFLECTED OUR APPRECIATION FOR NIGERIA'S ROLE IN AFRICA, IN OPEC, AND IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD IN GENERAL. IN VIEW OF NIGERIA'S IMPORTANCE IN THESE FORA, AS WELL AS GROWING SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS INCLUDING OIL, SECRETARY WANTED PERSONALLY TALK WITH GARBA ABOUT US AND NIGERIAN VIEWS ON SUCH MAJOR INTER-

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NATIONAL ISSUES AS ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE, PRODUCER-CONSUMER

DIALOGUE, OIL PRICES, THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN AFTERMATH OF
EGYPT-ISRAELI AGREEMENT,
AND THE KOREAN QUESTION
IN THE UN. I
REVIEWED US
STANCE ON KOREAN PROBLEM ALONG LINES STATE 225930
AND GAVE HIM PERTINENT PORTION OF SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH. I
LEFT WITH HIM ANOTHER COPY OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO SEVENTH

SPECIAL SESSION (WE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN COPIES TO UCHUNO AND
REVIEWED MAIN POINTS).

3. I SAID I THOUGHT SECRETARY MIGHT ALSO REFER TO NIGERIA'S
POSITION ON RECENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. I SAID I HAD
INFORMED WASHINGTON OF GARBA'S PUBLIC STATEMENT SEVERAL DAYS AGO
SUPPORTING THE AGREEMENT (SEE LAGOS 9186). GARBA
SAID NIGERIA'S
POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST WAS "TO BE NEUTRAL SO THAT WE CAN BE IN
A POSITION TO ASSIST BOTH SIDES IF NECESSARY." I
GAVE HIM ORAL
SUMMARY OF US POSITION ON CURRENT MIDDLE EAST OUTLOOK ALONG LINES
RECENT GUIDELINES FROM DEPARTMENT AND SECRETARY'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

4. I TOLD GARBA I THOUGHT SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING
FROM HIM ON ABOVE ISSUES (PARA 2) AS WELL AS ON IMPORTANT AFRICAN
CONCERNS SUCH AS ANGOLA, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA. I GAVE HIM COPY OF
SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 23 TOAST TO OAU
REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK,
POINTING OUT AND REVIEWING PORTIONS OF TOAST DEALING WITH LATTER
THREE SUBJECTS. (UCHUNO HAD POINTEDLY ASKED ME PRIOR TO MEETING
WHETHER SECRETARY'S TOAST CONTAINED ANY REFERENCE TO BYRD
AMENDMENT.)

5. I NOTED OUR SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IN UN
AND CITED SECRETARY'S CONCERN ABOUT EXPULSION FROM THE UN OF
COUNTRIES WITH WHOSE POLICIES ONE DISAGREES. I TOLD GARBA I HAD
PERSONALLY BEEN OBLIGED LATE LAST YEAR TO EXPLAIN OUR VETO OF
SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION TO SEVEN SKEPTICAL AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE
OR GOVERNMENT IN THE SOUTHERN TIER. I THUS KNEW WELL HOW SOME
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FELT ON THIS QUESTION BUT WE WERE OBLIGED FIRMLY TO
OPPOSE ACTIONS INCOMPATIBLE WITH UN CHARTER AND CONTRARY TO
BEST INTERESTS OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION. I SAID SECRETARY WAS
AWARE OF ROLE NIGERIA RECENTLY PLAYED IN OAU MEETINGS IN OPPOSING
RADICAL ARAB MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL (SEE LAGOS 8935).

6. I GAVE GARBA AND UCHUNO SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INDICATE ANY
ISSUES GARBA MIGHT WISH TO RAISE WITH SECRETARY. THEY DID NOT

PICK UP THE BAIT, NOR DID GARBA SAY ANYTHING ABOUT NIGERIA'S POSITION ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES I HAD CITED OTHER THAN MIDDLE EAST. GARBA PROMISED TO LET US KNOW IF MEA CAME UP WITH ANY ITEMS HE WOULD ENDEAVOR RAISE. I DOUBT WE WILL HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN ON THIS. SECRETARY WILL HAVE TO CARRY THE CONVERSATIONAL BALL. SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF GARBA'S RESPONSES WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON DEGREE TO WHICH HIS STAFF CAN PREPARE HIM BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 1 AND EXTENT TO WHICH HE FEELS AT EASE IN THE CONVERSATION. SECRETARY WILL FIND GARBA A NONETHELESS ATTRACTIVE, CONGENIAL, SOMEWHAT BOYISH INTERLOCUTOR. WE WOULD EXPECT GARBA TO RESPOND TO SECRETARY'S QUESTIONS WITH CANDOR, EVEN IF WITHOUT BENEFIT OF DETAILED BRIEFING OR SOPHISTICATED APPRECIATION OF COMPLEX SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS.

7. IT CONTINUES APPARENT THAT NEW NIGERIAN REGIME STILL OVERWHELMED BY MAGNITUDE OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND NOT READY TO FACE CONTROVERSIAL OR COMPLICATED INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. FOR PAST THREE DAYS GARBA HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT MEETINGS WITH MILITARY COLLEAGUES AND INACCESSIBLE EVEN TO HIS OWN STAFF IN MEA. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HE HAS YET TO SEE ANY OTHER AMBASSADORS INCLUDING UK AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH HIGH COMMISSIONERS EXCEPT TO SAY A THREE-MINUTE GOODBYE TO DEPARTING DAHOMEAN AMBASSADOR (WHO PRECEDED ME AT MEA.)

8. GARBA'S PRESENT PLANS ARE TO REMAIN NEW YORK UNTIL OCTOBER 8, WHEN HE FLIES TO WASHINGTON. HE LEAVES WASHINGTON THE 9TH FOR SAN FRANCISCO, DEPARTING THE 11TH FOR HONG KONG WHERE HE IS TO MEET WITH NIGERIAN AMBASSADORS IN FAR EAST. I OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF VARIOUS FACILITATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING AN EXPOSURE TO A SAN FRANCISCO WARRIOR OR TWO. HE BRIGHTENED AT THE LATTER BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS, STATING THAT HIS CONSUL GENERAL FROM SAN FRANCISCO WOULD BE MEETING HIM IN NEW YORK.
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